

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2642, Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res 379, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6173–S6307*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3200–3218, S. Res. 603–605, and S. Con. Res. 92. **Pages S6285–86**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 5690, To remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, with an amendment.

S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as “Tay-Sachs Awareness Month”.

S. 2979, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization. **Page S6283**

#### Measures Passed:

**Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6327, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, clearing the measure for the President.

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**African National Congress:** Senate passed H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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**Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act:** Senate passed S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, and

Local law enforcement officers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S6300–02**

**John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Maritime Pollution Prevention Act:** Senate passed H.R. 802, to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S6303–04**

**Congratulating California State University, Fresno Baseball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 604, congratulating the California State University, Fresno Bulldogs baseball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletics Association Division I College World Series.

**Pages S6304–05**

**60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 605, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and honoring the veterans of Operation Vittles.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 379, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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**Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Program:** Senate passed S. 3218, to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

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**Measures Considered:**

**FISA Amendments Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be agreed to; that the only amendments in order be the following: Dodd/Feingold/Leahy amendment to strike immunity, Specter amendment which is relevant, Bingaman amendment concerning staying court cases against telecom companies and that no other amendments be in order; that debate time on the Bingaman amendment be limited to 60 minutes, and 2 hours each with respect to the Dodd and Specter amendments, and that all time be equally divided and controlled in the usual form, except that 10 minutes of the Dodd time be under the control of Senator Leahy; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on the pending amendments, there be 2 minutes of debate prior to each vote, and that after the first vote in a sequence, succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each; that the Specter and Bingaman amendments be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold, and that if they do not achieve that threshold, they be withdrawn; if they achieve that threshold, they be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that upon the disposition of all amendments, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; provided further, that prior to the cloture vote, there be 60 minutes plus the time specified below for debate time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees: 10 minutes under the control of Senator Leahy, with an additional 30 minutes under the control of Senator Feingold, with an additional 15 minutes under the control of Senator Dodd; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the bill, then all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that it be in order to the file the cloture motion on the bill at anytime prior to the cloture vote, with the mandatory quorum waived, notwithstanding rule XXII, if applicable, and that if applicable post-cloture time be charged during this agreement.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of

rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

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**Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6331, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No.160), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill failed.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn and the measure was returned to the Senate calendar.

**House Messages:**

**Foreclosure Prevention Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of June 26, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2008, and that the post-cloture time count as if the vote had occurred at 5 p.m.

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**Supplemental Appropriations Act:** By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in the bill. The point of order that the provision was in violation of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Pages S6238–39**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the issuance of an Executive Order continuing certain restrictions on North Korea and North Korean nationals imposed under the Trading with the Enemy Act; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–55) **Page S6281**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol of Amendments to Convention on International Hydrographic Organization (Treaty Doc. 110–9) (Ex. Rept. 110–10).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 159), William T. Lawrence, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. **Pages S6207–11, S6307**

G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2014.

Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2012.

Richard A. Anderson, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2013.

Matthew A. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2014.

Peter Robert Kann, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Michael Meehan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

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**Enrolled Bills Presented:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—162) **Pages S6210–11, S6231, S6238–39, S6267**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6306.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the